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Your Excellency Pires de Miranda,

I am a member of the House of Representatives of Japan and am working as the secretary of the Dietmen's Forum on East Timor. We organised this Forum last November seeking roles of Japan for internationally acceptable solution of the issue of self-determination in East Timor. Now we have a membership of 72 dietmen. I am writing this letter on behalf of our Forum.

Since last September we have observed the case of the four East Timorese students. Taking contact with Dutch Embassy in Tokyo, we have been considering what we can do for these students seeking to leave Indonesia. We appreciate very much that the Dutch office as well as your office is trying best for the sake of these students.

Recently we received a letter from these students. Though we had asked the Dutch office to send our reply to them, they sent it back as it was not on the course of your direction. So, we would like to set it again in the due course. Please ask the Dutch office to send our letter, enclosed, to the four students.

We believe that the safety of these four students is guaranteed by the efforts of the Dutch office in accordance with your directions. But we are worrying whether they can endure the physical and psychological pressure. At this moment we would like to encourage them not to be desperate.

We express our heartfelt gratitude in advance.

Sincerely Yours

Satsuki Eda

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The President of
the United Social Democratic Party